Environment friendly technology for textile industry

3119. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal on adoption of environment friendly technology in textile industry including handloom, powerloom and handicraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this proposal including contribution of foreign exchange in it; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for adoption of such technology during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to the adoption of environmental friendly technology in the textile industry. Pollution control norms are notified from time to time by Ministry of Environment and Forests and other agencies. These have to be adopted by the industry. The industry has been encouraged to install effluent treatment plant and take necessary steps to prevent degradation of the environment.

Earning through handloom products in Tamil Nadu

3120. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total earning through sale of handloom products in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the schemes for promotion of handloom industry; and

(c) the number of the handloom weavers benefited from the new insurance scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing the following schemes for the welfare of handloom weavers and promotion of handloom industry:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana
2. Marketing Promotion Programme
3. Handloom Export Scheme

4. Mill Gate Price Scheme
5. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme
6. Weavers Welfare Scheme comprising of
   - Thrift Fund Scheme
   - New Insurance Scheme
7. Health Insurance Scheme
8. Bunkar Bima Yojana
9. Integrated Handloom Training Project
10. Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Article for Production) Act, 1985

The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported sales of handloom products amounting to Rs. 1168.28 crore and Rs. 1559.25 crore for the years 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.

(c) The New Insurance Scheme was implemented during the year 1997-98. So far the Government of Tamil Nadu has not implemented this Scheme.

Subsidy to carpet sector

3121. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released in 2004-05 under technology upgradation fund by Government;

(b) whether similar funding and incentives will be given to the carpet sector to upgrade its facilities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The total fund released in 2004-05 under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) by the Government was Rs. 28360.42 lakhs.

(b) The machinery required for manufacture of raw material for carpet industry, *i.e.* woolen yarn is covered under the TUFS. The machinery for